

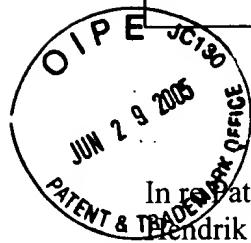
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A GRANULAR MICROBIAL BIOMASS  
AND ISOLATION OF A COMPOUND  
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The documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b were cited in a Notice of Opposition mailed on June 11, 2004, directed to a counterpart international or foreign application and have not been previously cited.

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